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2000, which claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application  
No. 11-097852, filed April 5, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 9, lines 2-3, change "any one of claims 5 to  
7" to --claim 5--.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended above to make  
reference to parent International Application No.  
PCT/JP00/02171 (filed April 4, 2000) and Japanese Patent  
Application No. 11-097852 (filed April 5, 1999), from which  
International Application No. PCT/JP00/02171 claims benefit.

Claim 9 has been amended to place the claim in  
proper multiply-dependent form. Claims 1-9 are pending in  
this application.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue  
of the present application are respectfully requested.

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